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SUBJECT: KENYA REMAINS SKEPTICAL OF SOMALI INTENTIONS
DESPITE HIGH LEVEL VISIT

REF: NAIROBI 9130

1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO ITALIAN CHARGE WHO MET JULY 20
WITH KENYAN MFA PERMSEC NG'ANG'A, KENYANS REGARD VISIT
HERE BY SOMALI VICE PRESIDENT AS UNSUCCESSFUL. ALTHOUGH
AGREEMENT WAS REPORTEDLY REACHED TO ESTABLISH BORDER
COMMISSION TO AVOID FUTURE INCIDENTS, KENYANS REMAIN
SKEPTICAL ABOUT ITS VALUE AS WELL AS ABOUT LONG-TERM
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SOMALI INTENTIONS TOWARD KENYA. END SUMMARY.

2. NG'ANG'A REPORTEDLY TOLD ITALIAN CHARGE JULY 20 THAT
SPECIAL LETTER FROM PRESIDENT SIAD TO PRESIDENT
KENYATTA DELIVERED YESERDAY BY VP KULMIE TO VP
MOI WAS FULL OF PLATITUDES ABOUT SOMALIA'S DESIRE FOR
GOOD RELATIONS WITH KENYA, BUT DID NOT ADDRESS QUESTION

OF SOMALIA'S IRREDENTIST CLAIM TO KENYA TERRITORY,
WHICH IN KENYA'S VIEW IS ONLY IMPEDIMENT TO IMPROVED
RELATIONS. ITALIAN CHARGE UNDERSTOOD FROM NG'ANG'A
THAT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KENYATTA WAS MADE CONDITIONAL
ON PUBLIC STATEMENT BY SOMALIA RENOUNCING THESE CLAIMS.
WHEN THIS WAS NOT FORTHCOMING, KENYATTA REFUSED TO MEET
WITH HIM.

3. ONLY CONSTRUCTIVE RESULT OF VISIT WAS REPORTED
DECISION TO ESTABLISH JOINT BORDER COMMISSION (AT
MINISTERIAL LEVEL ACCORDING EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR) WHICH
WILL ATTEMPT TO AVERT FUTURE INCIDENTS SUCH
AS THOSE WHICH OCCURRED LATE JUNE/EARLY JULY THIS YEAR.
ACCORDING TO NG'ANG'A, SIAD-KENYATTA LETTER DESCRIBED
THESE INCIDENTS AS UNFORTUNATE AND ASSERTED THAT THERE
HAD BEEN NO INTENTION ON PART OF SOMALI GOVERNMENT TO
ENGAGE IN HOSTILITIES WITH KENYA.

4. KENYANS REMAIN SKEPTICAL OF SOMALI INTENTIONS,
NG'ANG'A TOLD ITALIAN. FACT THAT THEY REFUSE TO
RENOUNCE CLAIMS ON KENYAN TERRITORY REVEALS THEIR
EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH KENYA NOW TO BE MERE
SHAM CALCULATED TO AVOID PROBLEMS ON KENYA BORDER
WHILE THEY ARE ENGAGED ELSEWHERE.

5. ITALIAN CHARGE SAID NG'ANG'A HAD ASKED IF ITALY
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WOULD SERVE AS INTERLOCUTOR TO EXPLAIN KENYAN
VIEW TO SOMALIS. ITALIAN'S RESPONSE WAS THAT ITALY WISHED
TO AVOID INVOLVEMENT IN THIS KIND OF BILATERAL POLITICAL
PROBLEM WHICH COULD PREJUDICE ITALIAN DEVELOPMENT AND
OTHER INTERESTS IN SOMALIA.
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